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| Tuesday 9th Nov | Wednesday 10th Nov | Thursday 11th Nov |
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# Website of the week

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CHARD Rotary Club was formed just after the Second World War and received its Charter on November 7th 1945, meaning that Rotarians will be celebrating their 65th anniversary this month.

There are currently 27 members, both male and female, who range in age from 24 upwards.

The Rotary Club holds regular meetings, at the Choughs in Chard, on Tuesdays, where they enjoy fellowship, fun and of course food.

But don't think they are a load of old 'fuddy duddies' who only meet to enjoy a meal together once a week.

They are regularly involved in community projects having organised Blood Pressure Testing Days in recent years, acted as stewards at Healthy Living days in Chard Guildhall and helped marshall the annual two minutes' silence for Remembrance Day, the switching on of Chard Christmas Lights and Chard Carnival. They also assist other organisations, such as the Cotley Hunt, with events that they are organising.

Chard Rotary are renowned for their carol singing which saw them perform for several years at Warner's Cricket St. Thomas Hotel and more recently entertaining the Christmas shoppers at the local Tesco store.

Then, of course, there are the sporting and social activities that they get involved in. The Rotary club currently holds the District Snooker Cup, regularly meets for skittles matches with neighbouring clubs, takes part in the District Bowls Tournament and have even been known to attend the odd 'drug awareness event' at one of the local hosteleries.

This is an active and lively club. Log onto their website for more details of their activities and how to join.

# Success for army cadets

By Marion Draper

JONATHAN Crease from Crewkerne, Barry Hobbs from Chard, Lorcan O'Brien from Combe St Nicholas and Chris Cowdrey from Tatworth were among 26 army cadets from all over Somerset gathered at Bishop Fox School, in Taunton, to receive their Level 2 NVQ BTEC Diplomas in Public Service.

The cadets were presented with their diplomas by Lord Lieutenant Lady Gass and the Commandant of Somerset Army Cadets, Colonel Rob Guest, watched by over 100 parents and friends, plus the Mayor of Taunton Deane, Councillor Jefferson Horsley, and The High Sheriff of Somerset, Mrs Patricia Hunt.

In the past year, over 60 army cadets have achieved the award, which equates to four GCSEs at Grades C, up as high as A*.

There were also two cheque presentations on the same evening. Each year the cadets send teams to RAF Cosford, in Shropshire, where they march 50 miles in two days. The over-16s travel on to Nijmegen in Holland, where, for six out of the past seven years, the Somerset teams have been awarded the cash prize for being the Best International Cadet Marching Team.

The cadets themselves decide which charities they wish to support, and this year it was St Margaret's Hospice and Help for Heroes, which each received cheques for £800, the balance left after all of the expenses of the marching teams had been paid.

**ACHIEVEMENTS RECOGNISED: Somerset Cadets, fronted by (left to right): The Mayor of Taunton Deane, Councillor Jefferson Horsley, The High Sheriff of Somerset, the Lord Lieutenant Lady Gass, and Colonel Guest.**

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## Discount fundraiser at Countrywide

COUNTRYWIDE Farmers in Crewkerne will be holding a 10 per cent discount event on Wednesday, November 10th, when they will also be fundraising for the company's recognised charity Riding for the Disabled.

They will be running a prize draw with a country Christmas theme, and collecting money for RDA at a Hog Roast from 6pm.

The staff are also getting involved by running a book on the amount of the final takings. Part of the takings from this will be donated too. The store will be open from 8.30am until 9pm.

## A afternoon of music

THE Tithe Barn at Haselbury Mill near Crewkerne will host an afternoon of music and mulled wine on Sunday, November 7th, to raise funds for St Margaret's Hospice.

The afternoon will feature music from the shows, operas and operettas performed by members of the Prima Voce and The Singing Studio's Singing for Pleasure Group starting at 3pm.

Tickets are priced at £10 which includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, available from the St Margaret's fundraising office on 0845-3459671 or from Marion Baker, Bond Street, Yeovil, on 01935-423257.

**The weekend starts here!**

## March for Honour passes through Crewkerne

MARCH For Honour will pass through Crewkerne tomorrow (Saturday) to raise money for the Poppy Appeal and the Crewkerne branch of the Royal British Legion hope that the residents of Crewkerne will line the streets to greet the troops.

Five Royal Marines will be passing through Crewkerne after stopping for lunch in Chard. The marchers, accompanied by army cadets, will arrive at the Crewkerne town boundary between 2.30 and 3.30pm and enter via West Street and Market Street to Falkland Square where a reception committee consisting the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Crier, RBL Standard Bearer and RBL personnel will greet them and a wreath will be laid at the roll of honour memorial in the square.

They will then be accompanied by the dignitaries the short distance along the rest of Market Street to Market Square and the town hall where there will be other town councillors and another RBL Standard Bearer.

They will then continue on their way up the road out of town towards East Chinnock and on to Yeovil.

Starting on Thursday four teams of serving and ex-serving individuals from each of Her Majesty's Armed Forces began an epic 'March For Honour'. Starting in four separate locations across the UK, the teams will dedicate and speed-march a mile for every British military life lost on operations in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. The teams will unite along the route before marching into London on November 11th to deliver the Book of Remembrance to the Royal Albert Hall for The Royal British Legion's National Festival of Remembrance.

Their target is to raise £1 million for The Royal British Legion who work so hard to support the welfare, interests and memories of serving and ex-serving forces, and their families.

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## Recognition for school improvements

**ALTHOUGH** a recent Ofsted resort for St Bartholomew's First School in Crewkerne had a rating of 'satisfactory', the inspector recognised and acknowledged that the school underwent significant changes recently and the new head and deputy head teachers were creating "an atmosphere of new beginnings" leading to a rise in morale among the staff .

The pupils were praised for writing standards, politeness and awareness for healthy eating and the environment and caring for each other.

## Sorry Mr Broad

**APOLOGIES** to Maiden Beech School and their headteacher John Broad for incorrectly naming f him in the awards night story last week.

No offence was intended towards the much respected head, who will be leaving at the end of the school year.

## Poppy appeal

**CREWKERNE** branch of the Royal British Legion will be launching their Poppy Appeal on Saturday, setting up as usual under the Roll of Honour in Falkland Square.

With so many young troops returning from Afghanistan with serious injuries , the Legion are emphasising more than ever the need for funds to help with rehabilitation.

## Rotary shop

**CREWKERNE** Rotary Club will be opening their charity shop for the Christmas season again this year.

The former Card Fair on the corner of Market Street and Falkland Square will be the venue and will be officially opened by the Mayor, Councillor Neil Sturtivant on Wednesday November 17th at 10am.

# 'Ages and stages' at Crewkerne museum

■ **LADIES BEDSTRAW: Rita Fisk with one of her series about women's names in flowers.**

By Marion Draper

CREWKERNE and District Museum is launching a new three week art exhibition this weekend called 'Ages and Stages', featuring the work of local people covering three generations and a range of skills from painting to textiles.

The major exhibitor will be Elspeth Kemp who was born in Crewkerne some 90 years ago. She is a renowned textiles artist now living in Hertford and, following an exhibition of her work in Hertford, expressed a wish to exhibit in her home town. She has not visited Crewkerne for 30 years but she will be at the coffee morning opening on Saturday.

Other contributors are pupils from Wadham School and their teacher Jo Bean, graduate Katie Gudge and well known locals Rita Fisk, Jackie Setter and the late Peggy Smart.

The exhibition runs from November 6th to 27th and will be open Monday to Saturday from 11am until 2pm.

■ **PASSIONATE ABOUT SPORTS FACILITIES: George Reynolds pictured at an Opportunity Crewkerne event**

# Tributes to an 'incredible man'

ONE of the community driving forces in Crewkerne, George Reynolds, was buried in Martock churchyard this week after being struck down at the height of an active life.

Mr Reynolds died peacefully at St Margaret's Hospice on Thursday, October 28th, aged 76.

Mr Reynolds had been involved in many major projects in the town, including the old Day Centre and Aqua Centre and he was passionate about the new sports and community centre, yet to be built.

District councillor Angie Singleton worked closely with Mr Reynolds on the sports centre project. She said: "We will miss George's steady hand on the tiller as chair of the steering group for the new sports and youth centre.

"I will personally miss him dreadfully, we have been working together closely not just on this project, but also on the Active Lifestyle extension to the Aqua Centre, for at least five or six years in total.

"George had so many strengths in project development and management, but the one I admired most was his ability, and in his own words 'his pleasure', in sitting down with a blank sheet of paper and articulating people's thoughts and aspirations to the written word and producing a blueprint for the project.'

"It will be a great sadness to us all that George will not see the completion of Crewkerne's latest community facility and we are determined that his role in this achievement will be remembered."

Friend and colleague Graham James added his tribute: "We've lost one heck of a bloke, what he's done for the town is incredible. At the last steering committee I was asked to accept George's resignation because of his illness and to step into the chairmanship. I can never fill his shoes in terms of his expertise in planning and regulation but it will be an honour for me to carry the project through for him.

"He was a super guy, a gentleman, and his experience from working at Sport England was invaluable. The town has lost an incredible man."


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# SKELETON CUTS

■ **NOT ANY MORE: Unison representatives protesting that Somerset County Council are no longer providing for life**

MEMBERS of the public sector workers union, Unison, protested outside County Hall in Taunton last Friday, October 29th, dressed as skeletons.

It was part of a national demonstration for what, they said, was a grim reminder that "the coalition's drastic, ideologically motivated public spending cuts, will slash vital local services to the bone."

On a local level they claimed that statements made by Somerset County Council were misleading to the public.

Tens of millions of pounds in cuts to services were proposed by Somerset County Council just 24 hours after the Government spending review was announced, stating that services from social care to education, bus subsidies, repairing roads, PCSOs and libraries could be cut back over the next three years, not over a four year period in line with the Government announcement.

County Council Leader, Councillor Ken Maddock said: "We have spent months looking at how we can be more efficient, and where we can cut but also how we can protect frontline services wherever possible. We have protected what we can and these are very painful cuts for us to take. With the government taking more than a quarter of our funding, doing nothing just isn't a choice for us. It's not our doing, but it is our responsibility."

A Unison spokesperson said: "We would like to see careful planning and an avoidance of rushing into cuts, aiming for a future organisation that is lean and good, not lean and poor. How will Somerset voters respond when they find out they pay the same council tax for significantly fewer services than other shire counties and are then asked to staff the library in their spare time?"

# ... and protests over arts funding cuts

MORE than 200 protestors, including people from the Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster area gathered in Taunton on Monday morning before the meeting of Somerset County Council's Cabinet.

Members of the general public and art students, as well as representatives from Take Art, Ilminster Meeting House Arts Centre, Actiontrack,The Brewhouse Theatre, Ten Parishes Festival, Fuse, Art Life development group and other arts organisation from across the county all gathered to object to a possible 100 per cent cut in funding for the arts. Actor Samuel West and award-winning conductor Charles Hazlewood also leant their support along with Unision, the public sector workers union.

Due to the numbers, the meeting was held in the conference centre at Somerset College where a second room was set up using a live video feed so everyone could listen to the questions and debate. Public question time was dominated by arts and volunteer organisations keen to voice their concerns over potential funding cuts. One proposal could see a total of £160,000 cut from the council's arts budget, although Council Leader Ken Maddock told the meeting a further £160,000 funding to creative industries and the arts was likely to remain untouched.

■ **LOCALS PROTEST: Claire Griffiths, Jan Olive, Nicky Lambley, Alex Bangay and Lyn Bayley studying an access course in art and design**

Councillor Christine Lawrence, cabinet member with responsibility for arts, responded: "Unfortunately, we have no choice but to reduce our arts funding. However, I am confident arts will survive. It will be different and it will be challenging and we will do what we can to help you through this difficult time."

Councillor Jill Shortland, Mayor of Chard and leader of the opposition, urged the cabinet to wait to implement cuts until central government confirmed the exact financial settlement the county council would receive. She also raised concerns that savings in the short-term would lead to increased costs in the long-term and used road maintenance as a prime example.

Councillor Ross Henley (Lib Dem) implored the cabinet to: "Think again. Listen to the people in this room, listen to the people of Somerset."

Councillor Maddock, responded simply: "How am I going to balance the books? We are in a dreadful situation. None of us get into politics to be here but we are desperately short of funds. We have increasing demands on our services and, for the first time, we will be receiving less money from central government. We need to protect our most vulnerable and will have to reduce or stop a lot of what we do.

"Although we have identified £43m of savings, this will only take us to halfway where we need to be. More tough decisions are ahead."

The cabinet's recommendations will be taken to a full council meeting on Wednesday, November 10th , when a large protest rally will take to the streets of Taunton.

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# Harvest festival for Horton Cross

by Marion Draper

RESIDENTS at Horton Cross Residential Home missed out on their usual summer fair this year so the staff decided to hold a harvest festival instead.

On Friday of last week they enjoyed music by Jazz Ma Tazz and a buffet tea.

Paula Symes from Crewkerne was demonstrating flower arranging and there was a tombola and art activities for the children.

Everyone was enjoying the jazz , especially staff member Jasmin Lecocq who was dancing her way among the listeners, selling draw tickets.

Outside the weather was grey but there was plenty of sunshine happening indoors.

■ HOW TO BEAUTIFY A TABLE: Paula Symes with Molly, aged eight and Evie, three

■ ENJOYING THE SHOW: Iris Spiller, Iaian Smith, Lisa Lawrence, Winnifred and Kenneth Scarrott and Megan Hillard

■ GETTING TOES TAPPING: JAZZ MA TAZZ play at Horton Cross residential hom

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# Halloween fun

■ OUT ON THE RAZZ: Sam Hodkins, Daniel Roebuck, Curtis Martin, Sam Hawkins and Ben Legrevese starting their Halloween fun in Ilminster and planning to head to other towns

# Frightful fun at St Gilda's

**A FRIGHTFULLY good evening was had at St Gilda's Extra Care Scheme, Chard where residents held a hell raising coffee evening in aid of Children's Hospice South West.**

**The residents donned their witches hats and broomsticks to stir up an evening of Halloween entertainment including a special supper and raffle raising £66 for the local charity.**

**Claire Adams, Yarlington Housing Group's Scheme Manager at St Gilda's said: "There was some fantastic costumes on show and all the residents had a great time. It was great to do something so enjoyable and still raise some money for a fantastic charity."**

# Some spooky goings on at sanctuary

VISITORS staff and volunteers saw some spooky goings on at Ferne Animal Sanctuary on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 27th when they held their annual Halloween competitions.

Activities included a rat pool, hook a spook, a potion puzzle, fancy dress and a crafted vegetable/fruit competition. Prizes were awarded for the best crafted vegetable and best fancy dress costume. The Lane Shield was also presented by Miss C Lane for the best drawing and colouring competition run earlier this year.

Ferne would like to thank everyone who attended and the volunteers who helped to organise the day.

**BEST ART WORK: Miss C Lane presents Victoria with the Lane Shield and pictured right the Bride of Dracula**


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# New walkway complete

AFTER months of negotiation and work to transform the busy town centre shopping area in Crewkerne, the path between Falkland Square and the George shopping precinct, once condemned as the biggest eyesore in town, is now complete.

Ancient, uneven and dirty tarmac has been replaced by a pristine pathway in a lighter tones non-slip surface, with bollards to prevent unauthorised parking.

The scheme, which was led by South Somerset District Council and regeneration group, A Better Crewkerne and District (ABCD), received support from dozens of local retailers, community groups and landowners.

The outcome, including the creation of a new pedestrian link and full resurfacing of George Lane, which joins the new link, has significantly enhanced the appearance of the area and improved pedestrian safety.

Councillor Kim Turner, chairman for South Somerset District Council's Market Towns Investment Group and Area West, said: "This has been very much a partnership project. A lot can be achieved when the district council works with such an active local community group and also the private sector."

**PLEASED AT THE RESULT: District councillor Angie Singleton, SSDC Chairman Councillor Ian Martin, Crewkerne town councillor Hilary Leamon, county councillor John Dyke, ABCD chairman Diane Butler, ABCD treasurer Martin Pakes, SSDC regeneration officer Zoe Harris, Frank Joyce, landlord of the George Hotel and Kim Turner chairman for SSDC's Market Towns Investment Group and Area West**

By Marion Draper

Councillor Angie Singleton, district council ward member and Vice Chair of ABCD added: "I think there was a real appetite from everyone involved to see this work go ahead and I'm extremely pleased at the outcome."

South Somerset District Council and ABCD members had launched the project after news that M&Co and Lidl were moving into the town, sparking enthusiasm to start discussions with all of the relevant parties.

The main landowners Mackays, Lidl, Falkland Square and McKinlays, each contributed significant funds to the scheme, along with retailers and local landowners Loders, the George Hotel and Charles Campbell.

An additional grant was received from Somerset County Councillor John Dyke who contributed £1,800 towards the scheme, whilst a £10,000 grant was given from South Somerset District Council's Market Towns Investment Group.

County Councillor John Dyke said: "Many people referred to the area as 'The Black Hole of Crewkerne' so it gives me particular pleasure to play a part in bringing about an improvement to the town centre, which local residents will appreciate for many years."

The work was carried out by the Mackays contractors whilst on site carrying out works on the new M&Co shop. Andy McGeoch, Director of Marketing & Business Development for M&Co added: "As a new retailer to the town, we are really looking forward to our new store opening and increasing the retail options available to residents.

"We are also pleased to help contribute to the improvements, which really have made a significant difference to the appearance of the walkway."

# No show for new youth club

FOR the second time an event to give teenagers in Crewkerne and district and safe place for a night out was a flop.

Organisers of the Cave Club, a new event which was hoped to become a regular slot for under 18s held at the Henhayes Centre, remained unsupported.

Held on the Friday before Halloween, the "Freaky Friday" night was organised by South Somerset District Council, Avon and Somerset Police and Mendip and South Somerset Community Safety Partnership.

The Henhayes Centre was transformed with a Halloween theme, complete with dance floor, lighting and DJ.

As opening time came around and there were no youngsters arriving, PCSO Michelle Haimes could not hide her disappointment and concern.

She said: "All we hear is that there is nothing to do for this age group in Crewkerne, then when we try to do something, no-one turns up.

"We have gone to a lot of trouble to set all this up with a DJ and everything, it's very disappointing."

**ALL DRESSED UP: Organisers and helpers at the Cave Club Freaky Friday event**

The pilot scheme for "Zero" events started in Yeovil and held at the Chicago Rock night club went from strength to strength, with hundreds of young people attending.

The idea is to provide a nightclub atmosphere with no alcohol and a zero tolerance for drugs. It has recently folded, only due to the venue itself closing. Another is being sought.

A similar scheme held monthly at Chard Rugby Club is also very popular, so the local team were left very puzzled by the lack of interest in Crewkerne.

This was the second attempt to launch the project, the first one during the summer break was also unattended but it had been thought a lack of advertising and the holiday time may have been a factor.

Trustees at the centre had hoped that the event would lead to a regular Cave Club for the teens with their own movie and Wii gaming nights but now the question seems to remain, what to 14 to 17-year-olds in Crewkerne want?

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# My favourite things

REIKI Master Jacqui Bucke has collected many interesting things over the years which each have their own personal tale.

One of the many incomers who have fallen in love with the west country, Jacqui was born in London and brought up in Surrey. She finally settled in Clapton near Crewkerne, when she married husband Anthony, 24 years ago.

Jacqui is an intuitive artist, painting pictures for people who feel they have spirit guides attached to them. One of her prized objects is a painting of her own spirit guide, a very strong female figure.

Two other items she prizes highly are both embroidery works by family members. One is a stylised picture of a beautiful bird made by her daughter Caroline and given as a Christmas gift two years ago. Jacqui said: "Caroline decided Christmas was getting far too commercial and thought the family should start making things for each other instead. She gave me a quilt last year, she is very clever. In exchange I did some paintings of New Zealand for them."

■ **CHRISTMAS GIFT: Fine embroidery by Jacqui's daughter Caroline**

Her other keepsake is a series of three embroidery panels made by her grandmother when she was about 15.

'Grandmother went to embroidery school as well as art school, she made the items intended to be a fire screen and apparently they have every embroidery stitch there is in them. They are very special. Queen Victoria paid a visit to the school and my grandmother's work was shown to her as an example of the student's work.

■ **INSPIRATIONAL ART: Jacqui Bucke with her spirit guide painting**

"She was a wonderful dressmaker and used to sell hand painted ties to Savile Row. She used to have a row of pins in the curtain next to where she did her sewing and my mother used to talk about how she would go to draw the curtains and get a hand full of pins sticking in her."

Jacqui became a Reiki practitioner after receiving the treatment herself one day. She was told she would become a Master, more so than the person who told her about it, but at the time she was sceptical.

"I said 'don''t be so silly' but something fascinated me and she showed me where to get training. I did a two year course and studied all the ethics and moral codes that go with it which are so important.

"I have had one very dramatic result which I know I can share as he tells everyone anyway. One of my husband's drivers had a hand that was clenched up like a claw and gave him so much pain it kept him awake at night and he would put it out of the window of the lorry to cool. The doctors x-rayed it and said it was full of arthritis and there was nothing that could be done but he was very positive and came to me knowing it was going to get better. After a few weeks of Reiki, it did get better and when they x-rayed it again the arthritis was gone. He was told it was due to his positive thinking.

"Reiki is Japanese for universal life force energy which is channelled by the practitioner to the person whose body uses it where it needs it, to balance, heal and de-stress."

Jacqui has teamed up with Harmony Health and Beauty in Crewkerne and they are holding a therapy open day in aid of Help for Heroes on Saturday, November 13th.

■ **OLD AND SPECIAL: Grandmother's fire screen work admired by Queen Victoria**

# 60 seconds

**YOUTHFUL Sarah Calhaen is used to her customers thinking she is just the waitress at her charming tea shop in Ilminster but her sweet face rests on a pair of strong and sensible 30-year-old shoulders and she knows what she wants in life.**

**Originally from Staffordshire, Sarah previously lived and worked in Birmingham, selling commercial training courses for one of the universities and editing software. She doesn't drink and loves nothing better than a nice cup of tea and a slice of cake. Fed up of going to places that charged a lot of money for a leaky teapot and poor service, and with a masters degree in event and exhibition management, Sarah decided to follow her pipe dream and open her own tea shop.**

**After two years of searching for the perfect place, she settled on Ilminster and opened the Tea Tree in August.**

● **WHAT was the big draw to Ilminster?**
I saw the building on the internet and it ticked so many of the boxes that I came to Ilminster and had a quick wander. It ticked the all the boxes on a personal and business level and over the two years of searching, nothing compared to it. It is a nice area for people, buildings and food. I love that I can get up in the morning and see a green field and go for a walk in it. An added bonus is that my brother has lived in the area for ten years too.

● **WHAT is your favourite tean and cake combination?**
It depends how I am feeling. I love traditional English Breakfast tea and any cake that's going, as long as it's sweet and sticky. I like Lapsang Souchong tea in the autumn, it's that cosy wrapped up in a blanket feeling.

● **DO you have future plans for the shop?**
Yes, I am hoping to open the back and make a little courtyard so people can sit with their dogs - Ilminster is very dog friendly. I am planning a traditional Victorian high tea for the Victorian evening, when we will be open until 8.30pm and my mum is frantically sewing costumes for me and my cook Annabelle Hackney. I'd like to do pre-show suppers for the Warehouse Theatre too, which is just around the corner.

● **ARE you into keeping fit?**
Yes, I am in the Naval Reserves and have always done lots of hill walking. Sometimes I run up Herne Hill when I want to be pretty hard on myself, I feel like some kind of asthmatic gerbil. It is lovely though to feel like I could do that at any time of night and feel safe here.

● **WHY the Naval Reserves?**
We are a bit of a naval family and I had contemplated joining when I was 16 but decided to go to uni and have the best of both worlds. You have to do so many training days a year and I have not been on a deployment yet but with the forces more stretched, more reserves are being called up now.

● **WHO would you most like to serve in your tea shop?**
Probably James Cameron becuse he was here the week before I opened, I was gutted. I had thought of inviting Gordon Ramsey but he's a little scary. Really the people of Ilminster are who I want in my tea shop.

● **WHAT do you aspire to?**
I really admire the people of Ilminster, there is such an active older community, they are really inspiring and my aspiration is to become an 'old bid' of Ilminster.

● **WHAT would you like with you on your desert island?**
A bottomless pot of tea and ginger cake made with black treacle, not too heavy but heavy enough to be good and filling and I think I would like a postcard so I could wrote home and say 'Wish you wuz here'.

● **HAVE you travelled much?**
I have done a bit but not as musch as I would like. I used to work in Dublin and I have been to Europe trekking and ended up in Morocco, which is where my influence come to serve green tea. Although I'd love to go back, the world is a very diverse place and there are so many places, it seems a waste not to go somewhere new.

● **WHO influenced you most?**
My parents have been my biggest influence but when I was growing up, I aspired to be Princess Leia from Star Wars. She was so feisty, a bit of a tomboy really and she didn't take any nonsense.

● **DO you have any hobbies?**
I used to work part time in a theatre as front of house manager and I loved it. I quite like painting in acrylics but I rarely have the time at the moment.

● **WHAT would you do with a lottery win?**
Clear my debts and buy my parents a trip on the Orient Express. Also my dad had an E-type Jag which he had to give up when we were kids, I'd love to track it down and buy it back for him. Then I would go around the world and come back to carry on tea shopping.

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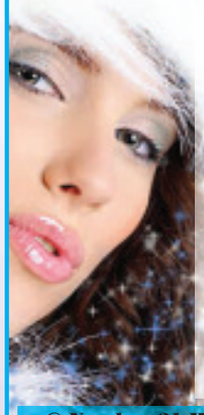

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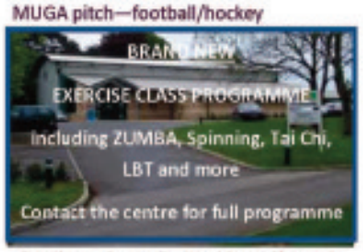


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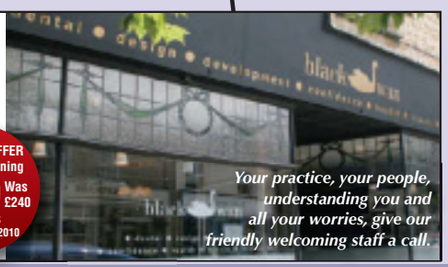


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# Thank you for The Music Man

SUBTLE WOOING: Librarian Marian Paroo, Marjie Dorling, warms to The Music Man

THE cast of The Music Man

By Marion Draper

GILBERT and Sullivan it wasn't but then "The Music Man" is not meant to be.

For those who have never seen it, this was different type of musical which the members of Chard Light Operatic Society performed very well on their recent run at the Chard Academy.

The music was mostly incidental and not to be sung on the way home, such as the opening piece which mimicked the rhythm of a train but it was played faultlessly by the orchestra and there were two familiar tunes, the rousing "76 Trombones" and "Lida Rose" a barber shop tune.

The storyline revolved around a travelling salesman who turns up in River City, Iowa to sell musical instruments to reluctant townsfolk. He won the townsfolk over by getting them inspired into music and dance, even though could not play a note and brought together the members of the school board who had fought for 15 years, as a quartet.

They were a little shaky here and there during the Wednesday performance but that worked in with the storyline, as they were newly formed.

The Music Man fell for the local librarian and for once did not want to leave after he made his killing. Meanwhile her little brother, traumatised after their father walked out and with a speech impediment, found his voice, by being taught a song without "S's" in it. This part was confidently played on the Wednesday and Friday by Sam Pullen, a pupil at Holyrood School.

The show was full of character roles, from the pompous to the pure, which the CLOS members played to the full, although American accents sometimes take a minute to follow.

There were some complicated numbers which gave challenging timing and humorous input for the cast.

The use of stage with so many people was well timed and a credit to the director Nick Lawrence, stage manager Simon Cobbledick and Choreographer Jo Wilson-Hunt.

Neil Wells, "The Music Man" was the perfect choice for the cheeky salesman, Professor Harold Hill and he sang a lovely duet with love interest Marion Paroo the modest librarian, played brilliantly by Marjie Dorling.

She in turn also sang with younger member Natalie Wilsher who played Amaryllis and had a beautifully pure voice.

CLOS President Helen Webber cut a wonderful matronly figure as the wife of the pompous mayor Shinn (Peter Ward) and her combination of facial expression and classical dance were a real picture.

Everyone had worked very hard on this production which was not the easiest and it was obvious the members enjoyed their performance, putting energy and enthusiasm into every detail.

THE BAND: Instruments do not maketh music

WINNING THEM OVER: Professor Harold Hill, Neil Wells charms the townsfolk

THE GRECIAN URNS: Eulalie MacKechnie Shinn, Helen Webber ( centre)leads her ladies in a cultural dance

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## Lit firework posted through letterbox

**A LIT** firework was put through the letterbox of a 70-year-old man in Hinton St George on Monday, November 1st.

It was just after midnight so may have been a thoughtless Halloween prank but police are investigating.

Three fire engines, from Crewkerne, Ilminster and Martock were all sent to the incident at Brettingham Court, along with a water carrier from Yeovil due to the nature of the building and the risk of spread to adjoining properties, but the fire was out before they got there.

The firework had exploded on the stairway causing a lot of smoke and the occupant was given oxygen therapy and conveyed to hospital because he had inhaled some smoke.

The damage was confined to some carpet and a coat.

## Cooker left on casues damage

**A HOMEOWNER** in Stoke Sub Hamdon came back to a house full of smoke.

The smoke alarm was going off in the property on Norton Road and two fire engines attended to find the ground floor heavily smoke logged.

The fire was caused by a collander being left on top of the cooker top which had been accidentally left on.

Crews extinguished the fire using a C02 extinguisher leaving smoke damage to the cooker and the kitchen.

# Parade of the pumpkins

By Marion Draper

THE traditional Punkie Night parade through the village of Hinton St George was well attended again this year, with families coming from the surrounding area to join in the chant "It's Punkie Night Tonight" as they carried their hollowed out mangle-wurzels and pumpkins for lamps.

The procession, led by Matthew Bryant ringing a hand bell, began at the village hall and headed through the village with the first stop at a board with the words of the chant before a second stop at The Poulett Arms in the centre, where landlady Michelle Payton chose the three best punkies from the Hinton children.

A special crop of Mangel-wurzels is grown by a local farmer each year so that lanterns can be made in the authentic way.

They are a type of beet developed in the 18th century for animal feed and the name Mangel-wurzel comes from the German Mangel/Mangold, "chard", and Wurzel, "root".

After the procession circled the village back to the hall, the lanterns were judged with prizes awarded to the most inventive designs.

The beautifully illustrated booklet describing the Punkie Night tradition was on sale and refreshments and games for children rounded off the evening.

READY TO SING: Archie and George McLay and Tia Evans

FIRST TIME OUT: Two year old Ruby Crossland carrying for the first time with sister Imo

IT'S PUNKIE NIGHT TONIGHT: Youngsters parade through the village

FAMILY EVENT: Procession leader Matthew Bryant with wide Kirsten and children Daniel, Tess and Grace

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# Spooks on the loose

By Marion Draper

■ BIRTHDAY GIRL: Amy Charles (centre) celebrating her birthday with mum Elaine and friends Maria Harvey and Stephen and Simon McClintock

■ DINNER WITH DEATH: Larah Edwards, Kelly Dodgson, Karl Edward and Lauren Pulsford

OSCARS Wine Bar in Crewkerne, looked more like a whine bar on Saturday as Halloween met birthdays and farewells.

There was a massive gathering that moved from the bar to the sports club, where two members of the rugby team and a friend, were leaving for New Zealand to look for pastures new.

There were ghouls and Roller derby girls, superheroes and monsters all around the town as everyone made the effort to say goodbye to Damien Noakes, Stuart (Blue) Sherrin and Darren Doble.

It would have been a rough trip for two of the guys - Damien and Blue - who had to catch a flight at 9am on Halloween morning and they no doubt found it a nightmare after such a send off.

The third, Darren Doble had until November 10th to recover and follow them.

■ SPOOKS AT THE TABLE: A party at Oscars Wine

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## Going Out Gigs

# Solid Gold

***GOLDFRAPP'S*** synth-led electro-pop stylings come to Bristol's O2 Academy on Tuesday, November 9th from 7pm.

Tickets for the gig are £22.50. For tickets or more information call 0844 477 2000 or visit www.o2academy-bristol.co.uk

## Going Out Gigs

# A song 'To Help Them'

### Local band *Wise Intentions* release charity single

A BAND of teenage brothers are proving they have noble intentions after releasing a charity single they wrote, recorded and released themselves.

Under the moniker of ***Wise Intentions*** the three siblings are hoping to raise funds and the profile of charity Shelterbox by donating all the profits from their specially written single.

Brothers Robert, Reece and Tommy James have been playing the east Devon circuit for the past 18 months under their professional names Scott, Grant and Blake Valor.

The single "To Help Them" has been officially recognised by Shelterbox and is available from iTunes and Amazon to download for 79p.

Drummer Blake, 17, who only started playing when his brothers needed another musician, said: "The thing about shelterbox is they are really quick and proactive in helping people anywhere around the world.

"They don't really promote themselves as much as others and are self sufficient so rely on donations, so without people's supporting them with donations they cannot do what they do."

Keyboardist and Former Woodroffe student Grant,18, added: "We knew people who were in Malaysia during the tsunami in 2004 and there was a time when we didn't know if they were alright, so I suppose that was in the back of our minds, when we thought of Shelterbox because they helped so much during that disaster.

"With them not being so well known we thought we could help promote them."

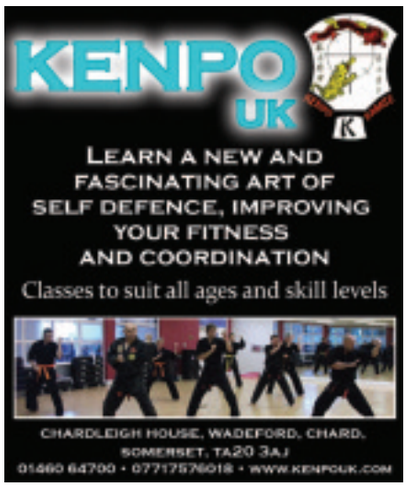
Guitarist and lead singer Scott, 15, began writing the lyrics to the song, to help raise people's awareness.

The Woodroffe pupil said: "The thing with the song I like is the fact it seems to relate so well to Shelterbox and their work during natural disasters, which puts more meaning behind the song.

"When you see natural disasters a lot of the time you are seeing it from a distance, so hopefully this song will make you think about it a bit more about what's going on."

The band, who have already written 70 songs, will be playing live at Illminster's Crown Inn on November 26th.

For more information on the band visit www.wiseintentions.com.




# What's Happening at Ilminster Arts Centre

### *by Sara Loveridge*

IN October visitors to IAC caught the doodling bug at the Ilminster Big Draw-the first time the arts centre has taken part in the National Big Draw Event. The theme this year was 'Make Your Mark' and it was good to see all ages having fun creating drawings in the galleries.

This month the sky is the limit with a talk by Sir Christopher Coville on Wednesday 10th. **Red Arrows: Aerial Excellence** will give an exhilerating insight into the world's premier acrobatic team with rarely seen film and slides. Do "remember, remember", from the 8th November it is **Turned out Nice Again**. A group exhibition featuring artists; Lucy Hinds, Rob West, Kate Mears and friends in the galleries until 27th.

Banish those winter blues with **Esperanto** on Friday 12th. This exciting Spanish Guitar/Flamenco Duo features Mark Banwell and Jon Boyes who will be mixing some warming Flamenco and Latin guitar music with harmonized runs and flamboyant improvisation. Things get even hotter when **Simon Spillett with the Craig Milverton Trio** appear at IAC on Friday 26th. Described as 'formidable' by Humphrey Lyttelton, saxophonist Simon's fiery style expresses a fondness for fast tempos and a sheer desire to create exciting jazz in the mould of Tubby Hayes.

The town's Christmas Lights get switched-on during **Ilminster Victorian Evening** on Friday 19th. Come and celebrate the start of the festive season with us while enjoying delicious home-made mince pies and mulled wine. There will be carols from 'Airs and Graces', and a chance to browse and buy items from our Craft Shop.

**Christmas Collection** takes place from Monday 29th. Supported by Somerset Art Works this selling exhibition by local artists and makers provides a great opportunity to purchase that unique gift for someone special. In the Café, take time to ponder and reflect the as the year draws to an end with **Truth** by Andrea Rowbotham. Andrea's current work reflects and responds to a solitary week walking and climbing in Wales. Her abstract paintings represent a visual paradox between landscape and body. Both exhibitions run until 23rd December.

Our monthly **Local Craft and Produce Markets** take place on Saturday's November 6th and December 4th. A pleasant place to discover Christmas gift ideas while supporting local makers and producers.

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AT THE MEETING HOUSE

***Literature*** | **RED ARROWS: AERIAL EXCELLENCE**
***A talk by Air Marshal Sir Christopher Coville***
**Wednesday 10th November at 7.30pm for 8pm**
Tickets: £6.00 (includes welcome drink and nibbles)

Come along and fasten your seatbelts for a night of excitement and interest with Sir Christopher Coville, the RAF Commander who had overall responsibility for the Red Arrows from 2001-2003. He will be giving a fascinating insight into the world's premier acrobatic team, with rarely seen film and slides.

***World Music Concert*** | **ESPERANTO**
**Friday 12th November at 8pm**
Tickets £10.00. Pre-show supper £8.00

An exciting Guitar/Flamenco duo featuring Mark Banwell and Jon Boyes. They provide a dynamic and diverse sound, combining elements of Flamenco and Latin guitar music with harmonised runs and flamboyant improvisation.

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## Going Out Gigs

# Smooth as Chromeo

***CHROMEO***, with support from ***Midnight Juggernauts*** play at Bristol's O2 Academy on Saturday, November 12th, from 7pm.

Chromeo, comprising P-Thugg and Dave 1, make tongue-in-cheek, slicker-than-slick electronic pop and funked up two-step disco.

Australians Midnight Juggernauts have a sound described as 'space-disco'!

Tickets are £12.50, and are available by calling 0844 477 2000 or visiting www.o2academy-bristol.co.uk

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Wednesday 10th November
Doors open at 7:30 am, film starts at 7:45 pm
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Wednesday 17th November and 24th November 10:30 am to 12:30 noon
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Saturday 13th November 10.00 am - 11.00 am
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Saturday 13th November 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
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# THE REVENGE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

## Going Out Theatre

BATS latest show further mines the currently very popular legend of Sherlock Holmes - although this version is a little different!

The final confrontation between Holmes and his arch enemy Moriarty takes place at the edge of the huge Reichenbach waterfall.

The fight is between equals- and both men fall from the top and plunge to their deaths.

Or do they? The next scene reveals that Sherlock Holmes survived his ordeal, and much to Dr. Watson's and Mrs Hudson's initial consternation, returns to his old haunt at Baker Street. But – boredom soon sets in... Holmes has no worthy adversary against whom he can pit his wits.

However, he soon becomes aware of a new enemy who is determined to outwit and destroy him; and perhaps his old enemy is not quite so dead as Holmes thinks...

The lively cast of BATS give this story full of memorable songs, set pieces and plot twists to make a very enjoyable evening.

Music, Lyrics and book written by Leslie Bricusse, direct from Broadway to Broadway!

The show is at Broadway Village Hall, Broadway, from Thursday, November 18th – Saturday, November 20th. Curtain up at 7:30pm. Tickets priced at £7. Adult and £3.50 student are available at Horton Post Office, or email Christine at crunchtine@btinternet.com.

## Going Out Film

# This week's new releases

FROM director Todd Phillips, ***Due Date***[15] stars Robert Downey Jr. and Zach Galifianakis as two unlikely companions who are thrown together on a road trip that turns out to be as life-changing as it is outrageous.

Downey plays Peter Highman, an expectant first-time father whose wife's due date is a mere five days away. As Peter hurries to catch a flight home from Atlanta to be at her side for the birth, his best intentions go completely awry when a chance encounter with aspiring actor Ethan Tremblay (Galifianakis) forces Peter to hitch a ride with Ethan—on what turns out to be a cross-country road trip that will ultimately destroy several cars, numerous friendships and Peter's last nerve.

JOHNNY Knoxville and co are back for the third big-screen installment of the Jackass series, ***Jackass 3D***[18].

As with the two previous films, and television series, the the film sees Knoxville, along with regulars including Bam Margera, Steve-O, Ryan Dunn and more, partake in usually dangerous, often disgusting, and always ridiculous, don't-try-his-at-home stunts.

Cameos include bmx star Mat Hoffman, skateboarding legend Tony Hawk and actor Seann William Scott.

MATT Reeves' horror ***Let Me In***[15] sees Chloe Moretz (Hit Girl in Kick-Ass) star as Abby, a mysterious 12-year-old who moves next door to Owen (Kodi Mit-McPhee, The Road), a social outcast who is viciously bullied at school. In his loneliness Owen forms a profound bond with his new neighbout, but he can't help noticing that Abby is like no one he has ever met before. As a string of grisly murders grups his wintry New Mexico town, Owen has to confront the reality that his seemingly innocent friend is actually a savage vampire.

## CINEMA LISTINGS

**Friday, November 5th - Thursday, November 11th**

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Sat & Sun: 10.50, 12.00, 13.00, 14.10, 15.10, 17.30
**Jackass *3D*** 18
Daily: 16.50, 19.10, 21.20
**Legend of the Guardians *3D*** PG
Sat & Sun: 10.30, 12.30, 14.40
**Saw *in 3D*** 18
Daily: 15.50, 18.10, 20.20
**Burke and Hare** 15
Daily: 16.20, 18.20, 20.30 (Excl Thu: 20.30)
**Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore *in 2D*** U
Sat: 10.40
**Due Date** 15
Daily: 16.10, 18.30, 20.40
Plus Sat & Sun: 14.00
**Karate Kid** PG
Sat & Sun: 10.30
**Let Me In** 15
Daily: 15.20, 18.00, 20.50
Plus Sat & Sun: 12.45
**Made In Dagenham** 15
Sat & Sun: 13.10
**Paranormal Activity 2** 15
Fri, Wed & Thu: 15.00, 17.00, 19.00, 21.00
Sat: 13.00, 15.00, 17.00, 19.00, 21.00, SUn: 13.00, 17.00, 19.00, 21.00
Mon: 15.00, 17.00, 21.00
Tue:15.00, 19.00, 21.00
**Red** 12A
Daily: 15.30, 17.50, 20.10
**Shrek Forever After** U
Sat & Sun: 11.00
**The Social Network** 12A
Daily: 19.50 (Excl Mon)
**Toy Story 3 2D** U
Sat & Sun: 11.30

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**Saw *in 3D*** 18
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Plus Sat & Sun: 12.10
**Paranormal Activity 2** 15
Daily: 14.20, 16.40, 19.00, 21.20
Plus Sat & Sun: 12.00
**Let Me In** 15
Daily: 13.10, 15.40, 18.40, 21.10
**Burke and Hare** 15
Daily: 13.30, 16.10, 18.30, 20.50
**Red** 12A
Daily: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00, 20.30
Excl Sun: 13.00
**Despicable Me *in 3D*** U
Daily: 12.50, 15.20, 17.40
Plus Sat & Sun: 10.40
**The Social Network** 12A
Daily: 18.35, 21.15
**Legends of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole *in 3D*** PG
Daily: 16.00, Plus Sat & Sun: 11.20
**Due Date** 15
Daily: 14.10, 16.30, 18.50, 21.00
**Jackass *3D*** 18
Daily: 14.40, 17.00, 18.20, 19.20, 20.40, 21.40
Plus Sat & Sun: 12.20
**Alpha & Omega *in 3D*** U
Daily: 13.40
**Ramona and Beezus** U
Sat & Sun: 11.00
**Despicable Me *in 2D*** U
Daily: 14.00, 16.20
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.40
**Vampires Suck** 12A
Fri-Wed: 20.00
**Marmaduke** U Sun: 10.50
**The Princess & The Frog** U
Sat: 10.20
**Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs *in 2D*** U Sat: 10.00
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**Bon Jovi: The Circle Tour** TBC
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**Made In Dagenham** 15
Daily: 18.25, Plus Wed: 15.00
**Red** 12A Fri, Mon-Thu: 20.50, Sat: 16.00, 20.50, Sun: 20.00
**Invictus** (Silver Screen) 12A Thu: 10.30

# weekenderlife

## weekenderlife DIARY DATES

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH**

**CREWKERNE:** Coffee Morning at the Heritage Centre, East Street from 10am-12.30pm.

**ILMINSTER:** Ilminster Forum Community Produce Market, with read, honey & preserves, fruit juice, eggs, pork, geese, fruit, vegetables, plants and herbs, all from local producers.

**CHAFFCOMBE:** Heritage Theatre Company presents 'Lest We Forget', a production using sound images, poetry, prose and song (with audience participation) recalling memories of the 1st and 2nd World Wars. From 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and include an appropriate supper, but bring your own drink.

**CREWKERNE:** Open Day of Crewkerne & District U3A at the Henhayes Centre from 9.30-1pm. Entry free. Members will display some of the 40 social and learning activities available to everyone in their retirement.

**COMBE ST NICHOLAS:** Arts and Crafts Exhibition in the Village Hall from 10am-4pm. Light refreshments available.

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH**

**CREWKERNE:** Evening of Dancing with Ken Westlake playing his keyboard at Crewkerne Conservative Club, from 7pm. £2 per ticket which includes buffet. Tickets available from the club.

**HASELBURY PLUCKNETT:** 'Music & Mulled Wine' concert in aid of St Margaret's Hospice. Commencing at 3pm, Prima Voce and guests will perform a selection of popular music and songs from the shows and opears int he Tithe Barn at Haselbury Mill. Tickets £10 to include glass of mulled wine and mince pie. Available from St Margaret's Hospice 01935 709485 or on the door.

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 8TH**

**MISTERTON:** Christmas Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Usual great hampers/prizes, raffle, some tombolas, light refreshments. Plenty of parking. Doors open 6.45, eyes down 7.30pm. Telephone 01460 74982 for more details. Every Monday until December 20th.

**CLAPTON:** Village Hall AGM at 7.30pm. Business followed by cheese and wine and a talk. Tel 01460 74849 for more.

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9TH**

**ILMINSTER:** Ile Valley Flower Club Christmas Flower Demonstration 'Funky Festivities' at Warehouse Theatre, doors open 6.30pm. Entry £8 for visitors. Sales table, refreshments, raffle. Telephone 01460 52805 for more details or tickets.

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10TH**

**CREWKERNE:** "Travelling the World" - a slide presentation at Crewkerne Methodist Church from 7.30pm. Telephone 01460 72870 for more details.

**CREWKERNE:** Ilminster Cricket Club AGM at the Shrubbery Hotel from 7pm. Tel 01460 75825 for more details.

**CLAPTON:** Coffee Morning, raffle and bring and buy in aid of St Michael's Church, Wayford. Tel 01460 72769 for more details.

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11TH**

**MERRIOTT:** Christmas Bingo at Merriott Social Club, doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of Merriott First School.

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12TH**

**CLAPTON:** Luncheon Club from 12noon in the village hall. All welcome, please book in advance on 01460 77057.

**TATWORTH:** Concert by Tatworth Primary School at Holyrood Academy called 'Eastenders Goes West'. With the composer of the TV them for 'Eastenders', Simon May. Tickets cost £5 for adults (children free), available by calling Tatworth Primary School on 01460 220565 or on the door.

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13TH**

**CHARD:** Christmas Fayre at Chard guildhall from 9am - 2pm. Telephone 01460 261108 for more details.

**SOUTH PERROTT, NR BEAMINSTER:** Baazaar in aid of St Mary's Church at the Village Hall from 2.30pm. Telephone 01935 891224 for more details.


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## Going Out Gigs

## Blazin' Fiddles

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Blazin' Fiddles play at Brewhouse Theatre, Taunton on Wednesday, November 10th. For tickets call the venue on 01823 283244

## Staying In TV

## Inbetweeners stars are 'Chickens'

**ALAN PARTRIDGE RETURNS |** Alan Partridge is returning with a new show - and Billie Piper finds herself at the wrong end of one of the radio host's quips.

The gaffe-prone DJ, played by Steve Coogan, stars in a one-off online series showing his antics on his new radio show Mid Morning Matters.

In the first of 12 11-minute episodes, Alan - who is assisted by younger DJ Simon (played by comedian Tim Key), with whom he claims to have "great banter" - tells his North Norfolk Digital listeners: "I like her face. She has a very round cherubic face, rather like a Victorian doll that's somehow been re-animated.

"Say what you like about Billie Piper - but she is the most popular prostitute on ITV."

In another episode, Alan hosts a phone-in to find the greatest ever person from Norfolk, with Horatio Nelson challenged by Delia Smith.

Other episodes include Alan confronting an Alan Partridge imposter on Twitter, and in another, Alan - who is waiting for guest Anthea Turner - meets a man campaigning to reduce childhood obesity through cycling.

The shows - written by original creator Armando Iannucci - will appear on www.fostersfunny.co.uk from Friday, November 5th.

**INBETWEENERS STARS 'CHICKENS' |** Two of the stars of cult comedy The Inbetweeners are to appear in a new sitcom set during World War One.

Simon Bird and Joe Thomas have co-written and will star in *Chickens* on Channel4 along with Jonny Sweet.

They will play three young men who are left behind while their contemporaries are fighting on the Western Front.

The trio are branded cowards as they struggle to impress the women left on the home front.

Bird, who plays straight-laced Will in The Inbetweeners, said: "We're really excited to be working with Channel 4 on our first sitcom. It's a dream come true for us and we can't wait to get started."

**CHICKENS |** Jonny Sweet, Simon Bird and Joe Thomas


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**Deadline for postal / e-mail entries is Wednesday, 12noon**

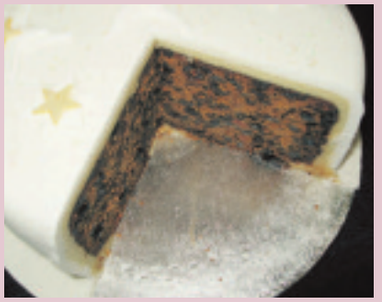
# Food *with Richard Coles*

email: rgcoles@me.com

FOR children, the September morning of the first day back at school is marked by new timetables, new planners and new classrooms. Yet throughout the 1980s and 90s, whilst I was discovering who was going to teach me Maths and English for the year, my mother was busy in the kitchen soaking her dried fruit in good rum in preparation for the family Christmas cake. While it may be reasoned that late summer is far too early for Christmas cards and wrapping paper to appear in your local supermarket, a similar argument cannot be applied to the genesis of your Christmas cake. It is a simple yet satisfying pleasure that can be indulged in long before December 25th, and defensibly so. If you have not yet begun your cake, then I would encourage you to do so now. As a craft, there is pleasure to be found; as finished foodie product, even more so!

At time of writing, my 1 kilo combination of ginger, cherries, dates, candied peel, apricots and raisins is spending the the night with a quarter pint of excellent brandy (cheap works well, too!) before meeting with eggs, flour, sugar and spice in the company of the oven tomorrow morning. Such forward planning, like my mother before me, is to give me time to 'feed' the cake. Whichever recipe you choose for your Christmas cake, it is the feeding which will give it the fullness of flavour that will mark your festive offering as outstanding. Personally, I enjoy a good selection of dried fruit, with the quantity of raisins low in the ratio mix, and brandy is my chosen liquor; although you could easily use rum, sherry or even tea if you'd rather avoid the alcohol. Feeding your cake will be a weekly activity, a pleasure not a chore, which involves pricking your cake all over and trickling in your tipple. I would recommend flipping the cake for each feed to give it an even texture in the middle and avoid a 'soggy bottom'.

Of course, you could simply go out and buy a Christmas cake. Yet if you were to make only one Christmas delicacy from scratch this year, I can highly recommend this. Find a recipe - especially one that encourages choice of fruit and alcohol - and begin your creation. The journey will be fun and the taste superior. And, if you enjoy it, put it in your diary; next year, start it on September 1st.



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## DINING OUT IN SOUTH SOMERSET with PHILIP EVANS

ON the way to the Candlelight Inn at Bishopswood, six miles from Chard, in the second of our "Eating Out in Somerset" features, we passed the Tytherleigh Arms, just outside Axminster.

I mentioned to my wife it was the first place I went out to dinner, way back in the 1960s. It was run by Leo and Mary Featherstone, a couple I got to know well over the years. Leo was a great chef and The Tytherleigh was where we celebrated all our family anniversaries. In those days you only went out for a meal when there was something to celebrate.

Now, of course, you don't need an excuse and there's far more choice. In fact, in South Somerset we are spoilt for choice. And spoilt we definitely were at the Candlelight Inn at Bishopswood, a full-on country pub just off the A303 between Marsh and Newtown.

The Candlelight is run by Tom Warren and Debbie Lush who took over the pub about 18 months ago after six years as tenants at the Farmers Inn at West Hatch.

Tom is only 25 and I commented on it being a brave decision to buy a pub at the start of a recession. "Well, there's only one way to go," he replied.

The pub was closed for a year and its reopening must have been welcomed by the residents of Bishopswood and indeed the other nearby Blackdowns villagers.

For a Tuesday night Tom and Debbie certainly had a steady bar trade as well as the restaurant being quite busy.

With its open wood fires and candlelit tables, The Candlelight was a welcoming sight on a drizzly autumn evening and what better way to start a meal than with a warming bowl of onion, potato and thyme soup, delicious and piping hot, with some tasty home-made bread infused with spring onion (£5). Jackie chose the Sussex Smokies – a ramekin of smoked haddock in a cheddar and tomato sauce (£5.50). She was so impressed that she was reluctant to give me a taster and afterwards declared: "That was so nice I'm going to lick the bowl." And she did!

MINE HOSTS: Tom Warren and Debbie Lush bought the Candlelight Inn 18 months ago, after it had been closed for a year

Other appetisers on the menu included game terrine with crab apple chilli jelly and toast (£5.75); ricotta, pine nut and herb ramekin (£5.50); black and white pudding, smoked bacon and poached egg salad (£5.75); and deep fried whitebait with tartare sauce (£5.50).

I often drive my wife to distraction by prevaricating over my choice of mains. This was one of those occasions. I fancied a steak because when they came out for an adjoining table they smelt wonderful. Then I saw that steak and kidney suet pudding was on the menu - one of my favourites - but in the end I went for grilled lamb rump with a rosemary jus and herb roasted potatoes (£14.50), served with a medley of seasonal vegetables (kale, cabbage and leeks). I wasn't disappointed; lamb perfectly pink. Really tasty gravy (sorry jus) and the herby spuds were very moreish.

Jackie was equally impressed by her choice of pan roasted chicken supreme with truffle mash in a white wine and chive sauce (£13.50), commenting on how moist the chicken was. By this time she was in a more generous mood and was happy to give me a taster – and very tasty it was.

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THE refurbished open plan bar and restaurant area

### OUR MENU

- Onion potato and thyme soup served with homemade bread
- Sussex smokies - smoked haddock in a cheddar and tomato sauce
- Lamb rump with a rosemary jus and herb roasted potatoes
- Pan roasted chicken supreme with truffle mash in a white wine and truffle sauce
- Creme Catalan
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The steak (sirloin with brandy and peppercorn sauce, grilled tomato, flat mushroom and caramelised onions) was the most expensive dish on the menu at £16.75, but looked well worth it to me. The steak and kidney pud came in at £13 and another dish that tempted both of was the Cornish hake with herb crust in a shellfish and star anise sauce served on spiced rice (£13.75).

Two of the least expensive dishes were the breaded monkfish tails with tartare sauce, fat chips and salad (£12.50) and the vegetarian option - potato and onion tortillas with roast pepper coulis and Mediterranean vegetables (£12).

All in all, a good range of dishes for all tastes, well presented and promptly served by Tom.

From an enticing selection of desserts we shared the crème Catalan (£5.50)with homemade shortbread, delicate mousse with an unusual flavour which Tom explained later was fennel seeds plus three scoops of my favourite ice-cream – stem ginger, honeycombe and pink grapefruit sorbet (£4.50).

Other temping sweets included glazed lemon tart with toffee sauce and double cream (£5.75); baked caramelized pecan cheesecake with honeycombe ice-cream (£5.75); sticky toffee pudding with toffee sauce and double cream (£5.50); and dark chocolate torte with vanilla ice-cream (£5.75). The cheeseboard option came at £6.50.

We finished with a strong cup of decent coffee and a couple of homemade truffles to finish off a very pleasant dining experience.

Neither of us are big wine drinkers but the Candlelit has a more than adequate wine list to suit all tastes and pockets, ranging in price from £14 to £30, a few of which are available by the glass.

I'm finishing this review having just read the Sunday Times list of Britain's top 100 restaurants. In the number three spot is Heston's Blumenthal's "The Fat Duck" restaurant in Bray, Berkshire, where the average price per person is £196. For that amount you could take all your family for a meal at the Candlelight Inn. You will never persuade me that Blumenthal's molecular gastronomy dishes such as snail porridge provides better value than the wholesome fayre served at the Candlelight Inn.

■ LAMB rump with rosemary jus and herb roasted potatoes

■ PAN roasted chicken supreme with truffle mash in a white wine and chive sauce

■ CREME Catalan with a homemade shortbread biscuit

■ THE downstairs bar at The Gallery Café Bar and Bistro in Chard

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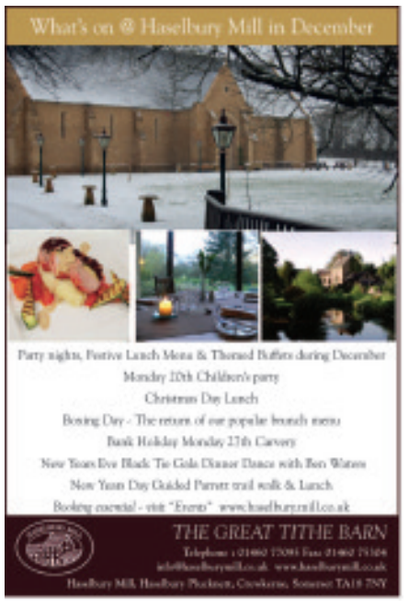


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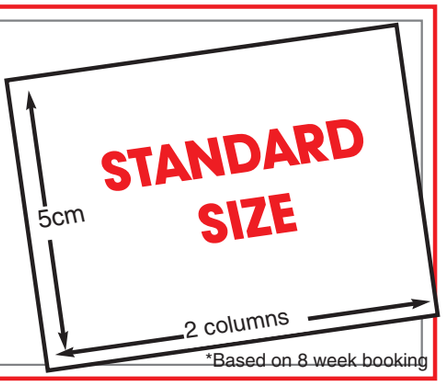


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## Las Vegas reveals the wilder side of Lexus

**LEXUS has let some of America's top custom car specialists loose on its hybrid models to mark its return this week to the 2010 SEMA auto trade show in Las Vegas.**

The result is a jaw-dropping display of giant rims, flared wheelarches, dazzling paintwork and outrageous body kits, plus high-performance axles, suspension systems and brakes.

Lexus has worked its own magic on the CT 200h, creating an F Sport Concept version of its soon-to-be-launched full hybrid luxury hatchback, fitting it out with 18 x 8-inch alloys with Pirelli PZero Nero 225/40R/18 tyres, adjustable suspension and shocks and a high-performance Big Brake Kit, with mighty 12.9 x 11-inch cross-drilled front discs. It may be a show concept, but it demonstrates just what an F Sport version of CT 200h might deliver.

0-60 Magazine has taken the GS 450h sports saloon and added a raft of performance and handling upgrades to increase the car's fun factor on road and track. The Custom Carbon five-piece body kit includes an outrageous rear wing, while the hot hybrid also gains a GReddy performance titanium racing exhaust, racing dampers and springs from TEIN USA, Brembo Gran Turismo brakes and forged racing wheels from Rays Engineering.

Fox Marketing's Lexus LS 600h L is SEMA's "greenest" limousine by far, with its special Glacier Green and Satin Black paintwork. The bold colour scheme is matched by a full Artisan Spirit body kit with skirts, smoked tail-lights, twin rear wings and a front light bar. The car rides on Rotiform concave 20-inch BLQ wheels with a "candy copper" finish and it hugs the ground thanks to an adjustable ride height system. Modified Lexus/SSBC brakes are fitted – 14-inch front discs with four-piston callipers and 13.2-inch discs at the rear, and as a finishing touch, the Lexus emblems have a satin black finish.

VIP Auto Saloon's take on the LS is lean, low and luxurious, with a customised interior (created together with Top Stitch), 21-inch WALD Mahora M11c polished machined black wheels and customised air suspension with a JoeZ Series rear axle system from Performance Tube Systems.

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The line-up includes four engines, including brand-new highly efficient 1.6-litre direct-injection petrol and 1.7-litre turbodiesel units. These engines come as standard with a six-speed manual gearbox and front-wheel drive, while with the 2.0-litre engines buyers are offered the choice of five-speed manual or six-speed automatic on the petrol and six-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmissions on the diesel.

All 1.6 and 1.7-litre versions of new Sportage feature Kia's Intelligent Stop and Go (ISG) technology and sit under Kia's 'EcoDynamics' banner, while the new Dymax intelligent all-wheel-drive system is standard on every 2.0-litre model.

The 16-model range is based on Kia's familiar 1, 2 and 3 trim designations, with all-wheel-drive versions given the KX preface. There is also a special range topping 'Sat-Nav' grade of new Sportage 3 and KX-3, featuring a fully integrated 7-inch touch screen satellite navigation with built in reversing camera and upgraded audio sound system.

All versions are extremely well specified, as buyers have come to expect from Kia, and are covered by Kia's pioneering seven-year warranty that can be transferred to subsequent owners as long as the 100,000-mile limit has not been reached. Yet even with such a high level of standard equipment and warranty, prices start from £16,645

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# STREET SCENE

HOWARD LARCOMBE *reporting on the Perry Street League*

# Crewkerne Town Ressies hit 22 goals in a week!

IF the results of the past two matches can be used as a guide, the players and officials of Staplegrove may just be eyeing their Somerset Intermediate cup 2nd round tie with Crewkerne Town Reserves with some trepidation.

The Henhayes second-string have amassed a staggering 22 goals in that time - thumping Drimpton 11-0 and Farway United Reserves 11-1 - a goal every eight minutes!

Saturday's mauling of Farway was a personal triumph for both Richard Crabb who hit four and Adam Swinnerton who weighed-in with a hat-trick.

Of the remaining PSL teams in county cup action Winsham United are in good form having won their last three, including last weekend's 4-1 victory over Forton Rangers. The Winsh are currently sitting proudly atop of Division One and will be full of confidence ahead of the visit of Westfield 3rds.

Forton Rangers will look to bounce back when they entertain the Taunton Civil Servants.

Ilminster Colts took a 7-2 beating at the hands of Tim Hussey-inspired Netherbury last weekend - hardly the ideal preparation as they welcome Whitchurch Reserves.

The remaining ties see a long away trip for South Petherton Reserves at Radstock Town 3rds whilst Barrington Reserves and Combe A could both benefit from home advantage when they entertain Baltonsborough Reserves and Fry Club 4ths respectively.

Near the County border Thorncombe, despite only one win in 11, could go close when they make the trip to lowly Dorset Division Three outfit Witchampton United Reserves.

**PREMIER**

SOUTH Petherton's 9-1 win over Misterton has them firmly established as most PSL followers favourites to land their first title for three seasons.

For Pethy the win, which extended their iunbeaten run in the league to 14, was made even sweeter by the reappearance after a 10-week suspension of Jody Bovey. The striker, who hit 24 goals last season, was forced into the long lay-off following his indescretion in another publication back in April.

Manager Gordy Childs felt his charges, who entertain Barrington tomorrow, had let previous opponents Merriott off the hook by only winning 3-0 - there was certainly no repeat against Missy who appear to have gone backwards, crashing out of two cups and shipping 22 goals along the way, since holding reigning champions Lyme Regis to a battling 2-2 draw at Unity Lane.

Player-manager Jak Flatt and his troops could have their hands full again tomorrow when they pay a visit to neighbouring Beaminster.

It could be similar story for West & Middle Chinnock when they travel to Merriott Rovers fresh from coming behind to beat 10-man Barrington.

The Chinnocks were short on numbers last weekend and were forced to cancel both first and Reserves team matches. Rovers meanwhile boast the Division's top marksman in Scott Jennings who moved up to 14 with two against the Yellowhammers who had Steve Burke sent-off for two yellows by referee Simon Salter.

Goals from Ben Stevens and Chris Warry (pen) in a 2-1 win over visiitng Combe might proved invaluable to Perry Street come next May.

Stevens, the quickfire frontman who has made an impressive start to the season, is rumoured to soon be having a allie in the shape of Stuart Packer who it seems may have cut ties with Thorncombe.

**DIVISION ONE**

CREWKERNE Town manager Nick Murphy felt this correspondent may have put his team under pressure by forecasting a goal glut against Charmouth last weekend.

In truth the signs all pointed that way (sorry Murph) but the bedraggled Robins conjured up a spirited performance and held the Tigers at 2-2 with 15 minutes remaining.

## Barrington left to rue Burke dismissal

As it was superior fitness, in the opinion of Charmouth assistant boss Nick Pomeroy, had a say and Crewkerne cruised home 5-2. Murphy and his squad will be favourites to move up to joint second with three points from tomorrow's visit of Lyme Regis Reserves.

The Seasiders were impressed by the skills of Norton's Calum Gundry as they were held to a 2-2 draw last weekend.

Gundry and his team mates will be looking to go one better when they welcome Perry Street Reserves tomorrow there should be plenty of goals about - the Mothers rarely fail to trouble the scorers (at both ends) on their travels.

**DIVISION TWO**

PICK of the Division Two fixtures this weekend is undoubtedly third placed Shepton Beauchamp's visit to Crewkerne Rangers, currently lying second.

At this early stage of the season leaders Beaminster Reserves look, barring injuries, to be nailed on promotion candidates so this game could be pivotal in deciding who accompanies the West Dorset side.

Rangers continued lack of a clean sheet this season may be a concern - I'll take Shepton to edge this one.

Hinton are the latest team to tackle the Beaminster machine.

The Saints will however have been boosted by their best result so far - a 5-1 away day triumph at Crewkerne Rangers - and could pose the league leaders one or two problems.

Meanwhile Forton Rangers Reserves and Dowlish & Donyatt will do well to take points off Devonian duo Uplyme and Hawkchurch United.

**DIVISION THREE**

MISTERTON RESERVES' 100 per cent record was stretched to the limit at Venlake by Lyme Regis Bantams last weekend.

Missy came from behind to beat their hosts 3-2 but the Seasiders felt hard done by when a late equaliser was ruled out.

Adge Diment's side welcome struggling Millwey Rise Reserves to Unity Lane tomorrow.

With Crewkerne Town Reserves taking all the headlines with their goal scoring exploits, Luso-Chard have crept under the radar and up into second spot.

Marco Quesdas moved up to 16 for the season with a double in the 5-1 win over Millwey.

The Portuguese side, with five wins from six outings, entertain Lyme Bantams.

Chard United were surprisingly held 4-4 by basement side Winsham Reserves and will look to put things right against the leaky Farway Reserves defence (31 conceded in five games).

**DIVISION FOUR**

HINTON Reserves could be in the market to boost their goals for tally when they visit bottom of the league Chard Rangers Reserves.

The Saints recorded an impressive 3-2 win at high-flying Combe B on Saturday.

■ **CREWKERNE TOWN FC who look well-set to make an instant return to the Premier Division. Line-up, back-row from left; Ashley Larcombe, Jamie Spurdle (captain), Lee Banks, Dale Wood, Kevin Wheeler, Paul Gold, Nick Murphy (player-manager). Front: Dan Baker, Harry Charles, Adam Dawe, Gavin Charles, Barry Hayne. Missing from line-up: Pete Lemmey, Chris Welsh, Jack Stanley and Mark Smith.** ***Photo by JON MATHEWS***

## THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

**SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE R2 (2pm)**
Barrington Res v Baltonsborough
Combe St Nicholas A v Fry Club
Staplegrove v Crewkerne Town Res
Forton Rangers v Taunton Civil Service
Ilminster Colts v Whitchurch
Radstock Town v South Petherton Res
Winsham United v Westfield

**DORSET JUNIOR ROUND TWO (1.45pm)**
Parley Sports v Charmouth
Netherbury v Normalair RSL Res
Pymore v Donhead United
Witchampton United v Thorncombe

**PREMIER**
Beaminster v Misterton
Merriott Rovers v W & M Chinnock
Perry Street v Ilminster Town Res
South Petherton v Barrington

**DIVISION ONE**
Crewkerne Town v Lyme Regis Reserves
Norton Athletic v Perry Street Reserves

**DIVISION TWO**
Crewkerne Rangers v Shepton Beauchamp
Dowlish & Donyatt v Hawkchurch United
Hinton v Beaminster Reserves

**DIVISION THREE**
Chard United v Farway United Reserves
Drimpton v Winsham United Reserves
Luso-Chard v Lyme Regis Reserves
Misterton Reserves v Millwey Rise Reserves

**DIVISION FOUR**
Chard Rangers Res v Hinton Reserves
Hawkchurch Res v Chard United Res
Shepton Beauchamp Res v Ilminster Town A
Thorncombe Res v Combe B
W & M Chinnock Res v Waytown Hounds

## streetdigest

■ **NEW MAN: Tommy O'Hare has bee appointed new Thorncombe manager**

### O'Hare takes reins at Horseshoe Lane

TOMMY O'Hare is the new first team manager of Thorncombe FC.

O'Hare, who led Charmouth out of Division One and into the Premier at the end of the 2008-09 season, will take charge of his first match, ironically gainst Charmouth, on November 13th , he commented on the club's website: "I have joined a club which I feel has some great players.

"I have a passion to do well and take the club forward, I have already got a new centre back on board and others will follow."

Skipper John Allan will take the team for tomorrow's trip to Witchampton United in round two of the Dorset Junior Cup.

### Not quite Kev

DESPITE rumours to contrary, Kev Wheeler's goal for Crewkerne Town in the 5-2 win at Charmouth last weekend was not his 400th in the League. After checking with league historian-John Lukins it would appear that Kev is now on a more than creditable 265 - still pretty good!

### Top Scorers

**PREMIER**: Scott Jennings (Merriott Rovers) 14, Marcus Alexander (South Petherton) 11, Julien Simier (Lyme Regis), Jon Hayter (South Petherton) 7.
**DIVISON ONE**: Tim Hussey (Hawkchurch United) 15, Sam Dibling (Millwey Rise), Paul Gold (Crewkerne Town) 8, Stuart Packer (Thorncombe), Ashley Rose (Norton Athletic) 7.
**DIVISION TWO**: Alex Cottle (Uplyme), Dan Pyett (Beaminster Reserves) 10. Ross Picketts (Beaminster Reserves) 9. Gavin Fowler, Adam Neale (both Uplyme), Simon Denslow (Crewkerne Rangers) 8.
**DIVISION THREE**: Marco Quedas (Luso-Chard) 16, Aaron Hodges (Crewkerne Reserves) 11, Neil Hawkins (Misterton Reserves) 10.
**DIVISION FOUR**: Jay Stewart (Combe B ) 11, Ashley Cooper, Dan Rudge (W & M Chinnock Reserves) 9, J.Park (Barrington Reserves) 6.
*(Excl Chard Hospital Cup).*

### Street stat watch

■ ITS Somerset Intermediate Cup weekend. The league hasn't had moderate success in the competition.

Only five of the current PSDL teams have lifted the trophy in the last 100 years; Norton (4 wins), Barrington (2 wins), Shepton Beauchamp and Ilminster Reserves (last winners - 2001-02).

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**Weekender Sport puts Crewkerne Rangers player-manager Scott Isaacs .. ON THE SPOT - see page 31**

RUGBY REVIEW

# Crewkerne revelling in progress

By **Keith Jenkin**

CREWKERNE are a club whose performances have been improving week by week as the season has progressed.

They reached a high point on Saturday last by joining the 100 club by the end of their game against MORGANIANS.

Their opponents are a side who, having a large and lumpy pack, tried to employ the tactic of ìsticking the ball up their collective jumpersî. This palpably did not work and the Henhayes brigade ran riot.

Saturday next sees the start of the autumn international games and the local leagues take a rest, with the day being devoted to cup games.

As Crewkerne have no further interest in the local cup competition, having lost in an earlier round, they have decided to take a rest, do their Christmas shopping, lick the odd wound and come out firing against Wiveliscombe seconds whom they visit on the second Saturday in November and who lie just one place above them in the Somerset League Division Two (South).

## Local teams take a breather

CHARD too have no arranged games, although they may just be looking for one in the fixture pool. Their first side has lost just a little in fluency in its last couple of games and, although it has not conceded overmuch as regards its promotion challenge will, in all probability, take a rest and hopefully return, refreshed and envigored for the journey to Winscombe on the 13th.

Chard seconds, sitting in the runners-up spot of the Somerset League Division Two (South) as they are, will probably also take a breather while readying themselves for the visit of league leaders Castle Cary the following week.

The Chard third side, having enjoyed a most satisfying, if narrow win over Bridgwater and Albion thirds last time out, will also join its betters, though by no means its elders, on the side lines and wake to a Sunday morning that does not include the odd ache or pain.

◆ **FIXTURES** 6th November: Chard v No Game; Chard 2nd v No Game; Chard 3rd v No Game; Crewkerne v No game.

## All set for Badger ales raceday at Wincanton

SPORTS BRIEFING...

TOMORROW sees Wincanton Racecourse host its eagerly anticipated Badger Ales Raceday. This top seven-race card includes two Grade 2 contests and a Listed Race - live on Channel 4. With a total prize fund of £204,000 5-day entries are extremely strong, with many contests beating previous year's averages.

The headline act of the day is the £70,000 Badger Ales Trophy which celebrates its 49th year of sponsorship – the second longest sponsor in racing history. 20 horses are entered with a David Pipe stronghold of five entries including: **Buena Vista** - the emotional Cheltenham Festival winner, **Comply or Die** – former Grand National winner, **Frosted Grape**, **Quinton** and **The Package**. Champion Trainer, Paul Nicholls has once again, entered the respectable chaser - **Niche Market** – in the thrilling contest, with Sherborne-based Colin Tizzard putting forward the intriguing **Hey Big Spender** and **The Jazz Musician**.

The Tizzard family will also be looking to secure the totetentofollow RISING STARS NOVICES CHASE. From the 10 entries, three represent the Tizzard clan where **Kilmurry** is guaranteed to attract significant attention following his successful Cheltenham debut last month.

Seventeen are entered for the fourth race on the card, totescoop6 ELITE HURDLE with Paul Nicholls taking advantage of the close proximity for potential seasonal outings for **American Trilogy** and **Tito Bustillo**.

Steven Clarke, Wincanton's Managing Director, said: "Saturday's our feature raceday are we're delighted with the quality and quantity of entries. The three principal contests should throw up some interesting horses to follow for the jump season. Our final contest, BET totepool ON ALL UK RACING NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE has 40 entries with half the field being Irish bred, it's sure to be a platform for some future stars."

Course condition is currently GOOD with showers forecast during the week and a dry Saturday.

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FOOTBALL - SOMERSET SENIOR

# Spot-kick heartache for Robins at Taunton

By **Howard Larcombe**

**CHARD TOWN**

**Taunton Town 1 Chard Town 1**

Somerset Premier Cup Round Two - Tuesday, Att: 116

(*Taunton won 4-1 on pens*).

HAVING been forced to switch this tie to Taunton's Wordsworth Drive due to floodlight problems at Zembard Lane, Chard Town proceeded to put in a battling display against their Zamaretto League Division One opponents.

Going into the game boosted by a creditable 4-1 defeat at Toolstation League Division One 'Champions-in-waiting' Merthyr Town at the weekend, Chard, aided by a strong first-half wind, enjoyed the better of the opening exchanges but fell behind in 21st minute when Craig Veal's shot deflected off Jason Manley to completely deceive Robins' gloveman Stuart Parris.

Undeterred Chard were level 10 minutes later when Adam Fricker curled a free-kick beyond substitute 'keeper Chris Astley, on for the injured Connor Sidley-Adams.

The second-half saw the hosts', despite the advantage of the elements, unable to find a breakthrough and the game was forced into extra-time. Again the stalemate couldn't be broken and the teams line-up for the spot-kick lottery.

Fricker converted to make it 1-1 but the turning point came when Parris saved Luke-Cole's effort only to see referee Raggett order a retake. Cole scored and with Dan Cleal and Sam Spurway both drawing blanks the Peacocks scraped through 4-1.

Tomorrow Chard entertain mid-table Melksham United looking for a three point haul that will give them some much-needed time away from the bottom two places in the TSD1.

◆ CHARD Town Reserves slipped to fifth in the Devon & Exeter League Division Three after a surprise 2-0 home defeat at the hands of lowly Countess Wear Dynamoes. The Robins' second-string are without a game tomorrow.

**ILMINSTER TOWN**

THE Blues, struggling for numbers last weekend took advantage of Westland Reserves having no Yeovil & District League game and called in striker Sam Farthing and centre-back Ben Cockram.

Manager Darren Manley was rewarded with three points from a gutsy 2-1 win at Larkahall Athletic with Farthing scoring twice.

Tomorrow Ilminster entertain Cleeve West Town. "They are always a battling mid-table side that just keep running" said Manley who is still without the unavailable Nick Whaites and Chris Nezianya and may also lose Luke Woodard and Tom Spurway to work commitments if the weather is dry.

Defender Rob Webb is nearing recovery from a hamstring strain and may come into contention depending on any reaction at training tonight (Wednesday).

Manley has also opted to retain Jonny May, up from the Reserves, after a useful showing at Larkhall.

**COMBE St NICHOLAS**

THE Saints proved they are genuine promotion contenders when they held unbeaten Somerset Divison Two (West) league leaders Congresbury thanks to a Dan Collins goal in a well deserved 1-1 draw in front of a sizeable crowd at Slades Cross last weekend.

Manager Ivor Hutchings has been impressed with teenage striker Collins, saying: "He looks like he could go a long way in the game and play at a decent standard."

Hutchings will be looking for a similar performance when his side entertain bogey-team Cheddar, currently one place below Combe in sixth, tomorrow.

The Saints will be without skipper Andy Morris who has a back strain, Darren Hutchings will pick up the armband.

## Got it.....oh!

◆ CHARD 3rd teamer Jamie Adams misses a line-out throw in Saturday's match with Bridgwater 3rds. Chard showed good character to battle back from 17-0 down. ***Photo by KEITH RENDELL***

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## Crewkerne Skittles league

| Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Lost Boys | 5 | 44 |
| Muddled Men | 5 | 42 |
| Super Sexy Six | 4 | 37 |
| The Fryers | 5 | 33 |
| King Willy Dogs | 4 | 33 |
| Headhunters | 5 | 30 |
| Coachmen | 5 | 27 |
| Sports 92 | 5 | 27 |
| Disney | 5 | 22 |
| Rollers | 5 | 20 |
| Royal Oak Drimpton | 5 | 17 |
| Swan Fokkers | 5 | 16 |

| Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Pinbusters | 5 | 52 |
| Nomads | 5 | 34 |
| Football Club | 5 | 34 |
| Skimmers | 5 | 34 |
| Coombe Boys | 5 | 33 |
| Rug Rats | 5 | 31 |
| Brewers Bees | 5 | 27 |
| Swan Cobbs | 5 | 26 |
| Willy Low Flyers | 5 | 26 |
| Concorde | 5 | 24 |
| Kings Head B | 5 | 22 |
| Loud & Proud | 5 | 17 |

| Division Three | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Numpties | 5 | 52 |
| Perrott Monkeys | 5 | 35 |
| Con Club Legends | 5 | 35 |
| Dinnington Astros | 5 | 34 |
| Swan Fixers | 5 | 34 |
| Royal Oak A | 5 | 32 |
| Chis Colts | 5 | 31 |
| Sandbaggers | 5 | 27 |
| Motley Crew | 5 | 25 |
| Contwistadors | 5 | 24 |
| Hung Like Horses | 5 | 18 |
| Muppets | 5 | 7 |

## Ilminster & District skittles

RESULTS (October 28th); **Division One** - Crown Faces 358-3 (M.Miller 53) Rockys Rollers 360-9 (I.Findlay 51), Ashill Inn 328-3 (N.Dopson, C.Male 46) Flying Turkeys 353-9 (S.Spurway, M.Brown 51), Hatch Beagles 379-12 (G.Dibble 55) Cricketers 322-0 (N.Matravers 45), Kings Head 322-9 (Mark Tilley 47) Royals 308-3 (R.Priddle, J.Miles 43).

Highest score: J.Miles (Royals) and S.Hoskin (Rockys Rollers) both 70.

**Division Two** - RNomads 328-11 (B.Downting 51) Ashill Boys 327-1 (B.Smart 47), Royal Oak 302-10 (J.Edmunds 45) Donyatt Bowling Club 283-2 (I.Joy 43), Bell A 322-2 (A.Lee 45) Bell Clangers 336-10 (Todd, W.Vickery 46).

Highest score; M.Boobyer (Ashill Boys) 65.

| Division One | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ashill Inn | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 68 |
| Flying Turkeys | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 49 |
| Royals | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 48 |
| Rockey's Rollers | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 48 |
| Crown Faces | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 42 |
| Hatch Beagles | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 42 |
| Carnival Clingons | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 41* |
| Kings Head | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 37 |
| Cricketers | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 37 |

(* deducted 10 pts).

| Division Two | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nomads | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 78 |
| Royal Oak | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 67 |
| Donyatt BC | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 56 |
| Ashill Boys | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 46 |
| Bell Broadway | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 42 |
| Bell A | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 41 |
| Wyndham Arms | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 38 |
| Bell Clangers | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 24* |
| Hatch Eggs | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 17 |

(* deducted 10 pts).

## Bowls round-up

■ **CHARD INDOOR TRIPLES LEAGUE:**

Results 28th October; Westway 14 East Coker A 15, Greyhounds 13 Somerset Six 8, Hurricanes 15 Magpies 9.

| TABLE | P | W | +/- | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greyhounds | 3 | 3 | 25 | 6 |
| East Coker A | 3 | 3 | 13 | 6 |
| Hurricanes | 4 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Westway | 3 | 2 | 12 | 4 |
| Magpies | 4 | 1 | -6 | 2 |
| Somerset Six | 4 | 0 | -19 | 0 |
| Canaries | 3 | 0 | -21 | 0 |

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# Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

# Lennie for Huish in New Year ?

RUMOUR has it that former Bristol Rovers Director of Football Lennie Lawrence will be joining Yeovil Town in the New Year. The former Charlton boss spent five years at the Memorial Stadium helping Paul Trollope before the club terminated his contract in May this year.

The word around Huish Park for some weeks is that the board are looking to appoint someone to assist Terry Skiverton. He appears to be struggling to cope with managing the npower League One side, and after Saturday's performance, it's not before time.

Whether Lawrence, if the rumour is correct, is the right man remains to be seen, but clearly Skivo's inexperience requires someone to help him as the Glovers languish in the relegation zone.

Facing Swindon Town, who themselves are struggling, and before play were just two points and two places above Yeovil, Skiverton decided to play with just one striker at home!

The plan backfired badly. Yeovil struggled to put two passes together and their shape seemed strangely unbalanced.

Charlie Austin, who the Robins plucked from non-league Poole Town a year ago having scored 46 goals in 46 games for the Dorset side and then adding 20 for Swindon in just 31 games last season, showed his predatory instinct by putting the visitors ahead on 22 minutes.

In his first game back after injury he pounced from close range, and then almost added a second within minutes when his shot from Matt Richie's cross beat Stephen Henderson but came back off the inside of the post allowing the Yeovil gloveman to grab it before anyone else.

Skiverton reacted to this pressure by substituting Andy Welsh with striker Sam Williams who had been dropped to the bench after the defeat at Brighton.

## Experienced Lawrence set to join Glovers

Williams presence was immediate and he set up Owain Tudor-Jones for a shot as Yeovil looked a much more robust and confident side as they pressurised the visiting defence.

They drew level on the stroke of halftime when Gavin Williams drilled a superb low free kick into the bottom corner after former Glover Michael Rose had handled 25-yards from goal.

Yeovil continued their progress after the break and Sam Williams showed his value when he beat Robins keeper David Lucas to Nathan Jones' chipped cross, and Dean Bowdirch ran the ball into the net from on the line.

Bowditch showed his best asset soon after when he ran on to Jones' long ball and controlled it before neatly sidefooting beyond the outrushing Lucas.

Yeovil seemed to be well in control with Swindon hardly bothering substitute keeper Ben Roberts who had entered the fray at the break after Henderson had to withdraw with a head injury after braving saving at Ritchie's feet.

However the introduction of Andy Williams for Gavin Williams 16 minutes from time gave Swindon new impetus. Whether the substitution was forced on Skiverton is not known, but Gavin's influence was sorely missed.

Swindon gave themselves hope when with four minutes left Sean Morrison sidefooted home at the far post from a corner. As it often appears Yeovil's defence appear to panic when they concede late, and within three minutes the Robins were level.

Roberts appeared to spill Alan O'Brien's cross and when the ball came out to J-P McGovern he equalised with a blistering rising shot from 20 yards.

It was unfortunate that Yeovil could not hang on to all three points. As a fan I got the impression that Skiverton was not confident of his side's ability when he started with one striker at home, and although he learned his lesson he had already handed the initiative to the opposition. Maybe he needs help sooner than later?

Isn't it about time Skiverton found a left back to cover for Nathan Smith? Despite several good performances this season including man of the match awards, he was replaced on Saturday by assistant Nathan Jones, who it is rumoured hasn't trained for a month.

Whilst Skivo will justify his selection in that Jones supplied the passes for two of Yeovil's goals, he clearly is not a long term answer. His distribution in general was poor and his complete lack of a right foot except to stand on made him a liability, with several potential attacks breaking down when he found the ball on his right foot resulting in a pass back into defence.

## Chedington Golf

***Friday/Saturday Medal*** *- October 30th.*
*1st George Cleary (nett 64), 2nd Stuart Findley (69), 3rd Ben Dew (71).*
***October Medal***
*Division One: 1st Nick Taylor (nett 67 ocb), 2nd Ian Darvelle (67), 3rd James Prendergast (67).*
*Division Two: 1st Justin Cummins (70 ocb), 2nd Ron Davies (70), 3rd Roy Heard (73).*
*Division Three: Roy Hannam (67), 2nd Steve Edgar (72), 3rd James Harper (75).*

## Yeovil & District Mixed tennis

| DIVISION ONE | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Martock A | 2 | 19 |
| Sherborne A | 2 | 14 |
| Chard A | 2 | 10 |
| Melcombe Regis | 1 | 4 |
| Sherborne B | 2 | 3 |
| Yeovil A | 0 | 0 |
| Charmouth | 1 | 0 |

| DIVISION TWO | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| South Petherton A | 1 | 10 |
| Somerton A | 1 | 8 |
| Chard B | 1 | 2 |
| Martock B | 0 | 0 |
| Ilminster | 0 | 0 |
| Weymouth A | 1 | 0 |
| **DIVISION THREE** | **Pld** | **Pts** |
| Bridport A | 2 | 19 |
| Beaminster | 1 | 7 |
| Somerton B | 1 | 2 |
| Yeovil B | 1 | 1 |
| Wincanton | 0 | 0 |
| Somerton C | 0 | 0 |
| Misterton A | 1 | 0 |
| **DIVISION FOUR** | **Pld** | **Pts** |
| Bridport B | 2 | 13 |
| Sutton Montis | 1 | 9 |
| Misterton B | 2 | 8 |
| Yeovil C | 1 | 6 |
| South Petherton B | 1 | 6 |
| Weymouth B | 2 | 5 |
| Martock C | 1 | 3 |

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■ **GET WELL SOON ALF**
MEMBERS of Donyatt Bowling Club would like to wish club stalwart Alf Soane a quick recovery from his recent illness.

## Golf success for cricketers

NORTH Perrott Cricket Club might not have had much success playing cricket during the past season. But when it comes to golf they swept the board in a competition last week.

The Mike Back golf trophy, for cricket clubs from Somerset, Dorset and Hampshire, was held at the Dorset Golf Resort at Hyde, near Bere Regis.

Nick Taylor, of North Perrott Cricket Club and golf team captain, said: "As the host club we have named the perpetual trophy in recognition of Mike's commitment and tireless work in creating the outstanding facilities at our Club."

Mike, who is the club's president, presented all the major prizes to members of the North Perrott Club:
Team award (Nick Taylor, Hartley Heard, Alex Drew and Phil Bayliss, of NPCC)
Best individual score of the day: Hartley Heard (NPCC)
Longest drive: Mark Downing (NPCC)
Nearest the pin: Jason Bradley (NPCC).

"Following this unexpected success we are now planning to bring this winning streak to the cricket field next season," said NPCC's Nick Carruthers. "With the young players who showed so much promise during this last season we expect to hit the ground running in 2011."

Thanks were expressed to Dorset Golf Resort and the sponsors who supplied the individual prizes: Palmers Brewery, Ariel Motor Company and North Perrott Garden Centre.

# ON THE SPOT...

***WEEKENDER SPORT*** **PUTS SCOTT ISAACS, PLAYER-MANAGER OF CREWKERNE RANGERS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT**

**Q How long have you been associated with Crewkerne Rangers FC and in what capacities?**

A I am player/manager, we created the club in 2008 and this is our 3rd season

**Q Name the best players you've played alongside in Rangers colours?**

A **Darren James** - We formed a good strike partnership at Crewkerne Town FC and I learnt a lot from him

**Tom Charles**, played alongside him at Crewkerne Town FC, Haselbury FC and is current Crewkerne Rangers captain.

**Simon Denslow**, current strike partner-other half of Crewkerne Rangers "SAS" strike force He has scored 86 goals for Crewkerne Rangers.

**Q What are your hopes for the team this season?**

A After two consecutive promotions we would like to challenge for promotion again, and try to reach our fifth cup final in three years.

**Q How would you improve things at Misterton FC**

A It would be good to expand the club, a reserve team to back up the first team and eventually a youth team as a sucession plan for Crewkerne Rangers.

**Q Name some young Rangers we should look out for in the future.**

A **Toby Symes**- new signing for this season, already cementing his place in centre midfield.

**Simon Denslow** - hoping to get his 3rd consecutive perry street golden boot!

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